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SYNOPSIS

Permits farm wineries to create alternating proprietorship for production of wine.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning winery licensing and amending R.S.33:1-10.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. R.S.33:1-10 is amended to read as follows:

7 Plenary brewery license. 1a. The holder of this license shall be
8 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt alcoholic
9 beverages and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and
10 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and
11 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of
12 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a
13 warehouse; provided, however, that the delivery of this product by
14 the holder of this license to retailers licensed under this title shall be
15 from inventory in a warehouse located in this State which is
16 operated under a plenary brewery license. The fee for this license
17 shall be \$10,625.

18 Limited brewery license. 1b. The holder of this license shall be
19 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt alcoholic
20 beverages in a quantity to be expressed in said license, dependent
21 upon the following fees and not in excess of 300,000 barrels of 31
22 fluid gallons capacity per year and to sell and distribute this product
23 to wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this
24 chapter, and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons
25 pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and
26 to maintain a warehouse; provided, however, that the delivery of
27 this product by the holder of this license to retailers licensed under
28 this title shall be from inventory in a warehouse located in this State
29 which is operated under a limited brewery license. The holder of
30 this license shall be entitled to sell this product at retail to
31 consumers on the licensed premises of the brewery for consumption
32 on the premises, but only in connection with a tour of the brewery,
33 or for consumption off the premises in a quantity of not more than
34 15.5 fluid gallons per person, and to offer samples for sampling
35 purposes only pursuant to an annual permit issued by the director.
36 The holder of this license shall not sell food or operate a restaurant
37 on the licensed premises. The fee for this license shall be graduated
38 as follows:

39 to so brew not more than 50,000 barrels of 31 liquid gallons
40 capacity per annum, \$1,250;

41 to so brew not more than 100,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
42 capacity per annum, \$2,500;

43 to so brew not more than 200,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
44 capacity per annum, \$5,000;

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 to so brew not more than 300,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
2 capacity per annum, \$7,500.

3 For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling
4 at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container
5 not exceeding four ounces of any malt alcoholic beverage. For the
6 purposes of this subsection, "product" means any malt alcoholic
7 beverage that is produced on the premises licensed under this
8 subsection.

9 Restricted brewery license. 1c. The holder of this license shall
10 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt
11 alcoholic beverages in a quantity to be expressed in such license not
12 in excess of 10,000 barrels of 31 gallons capacity per year.
13 Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, the director shall
14 issue a restricted brewery license only to a person or an entity
15 which has identical ownership to an entity which holds a plenary
16 retail consumption license issued pursuant to R.S.33:1-12, provided
17 that such plenary retail consumption license is operated in
18 conjunction with a restaurant regularly and principally used for the
19 purpose of providing meals to its customers and having adequate
20 kitchen and dining room facilities, and that the licensed restaurant
21 premises is immediately adjoining the premises licensed under this
22 subsection. The holder of this license shall be entitled to sell or
23 deliver the product to that restaurant premises. The holder of this
24 license also shall be entitled to sell and distribute the product to
25 wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter. The fee for
26 this license shall be \$1,250, which fee shall entitle the holder to
27 brew up to 1,000 barrels of 31 liquid gallons per annum. The
28 licensee also shall pay an additional \$250 for every additional 1,000
29 barrels of 31 fluid gallons produced. The fee shall be paid at the
30 time of application for the license, and additional payments based
31 on barrels produced shall be paid within 60 days following the
32 expiration of the license term upon certification by the licensee of
33 the actual gallons brewed during the license term. No more than 10
34 restricted brewery licenses shall be issued to a person or entity
35 which holds an interest in a plenary retail consumption license. If
36 the governing body of the municipality in which the licensed
37 premises will be located should file a written objection, the director
38 shall hold a hearing and may issue the license only if the director
39 finds that the issuance of the license will not be contrary to the
40 public interest. All fees related to the issuance of both licenses shall
41 be paid in accordance with statutory law. The provisions of this
42 subsection shall not be construed to limit or restrict the rights and
43 privileges granted by the plenary retail consumption license held by
44 the holder of the restricted brewery license issued pursuant to this
45 subsection.

46 The holder of this license shall be entitled to offer samples of its
47 product for promotional purposes at charitable or civic events off

1 the licensed premises pursuant to an annual permit issued by the
2 director.

3 For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling
4 at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container
5 not exceeding four ounces of any malt alcoholic beverage product.
6 For the purposes of this subsection, "product" means any malt
7 alcoholic beverage that is produced on the premises licensed under
8 this subsection.

9 Plenary winery license. 2a. Provided that the holder is engaged
10 in growing and cultivating grapes or fruit used in the production of
11 wine on at least three acres on, or adjacent to, the winery premises,
12 the holder of this license shall be entitled, subject to rules and
13 regulations, to produce any fermented wines, and to blend, fortify
14 and treat wines, and to sell and distribute his products to
15 wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter and to
16 churches for religious purposes, and to sell and distribute without
17 this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such
18 sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse, and to sell his
19 products at retail to consumers on the licensed premises of the
20 winery for consumption on or off the premises and to offer samples
21 for sampling purposes only. The fee for this license shall be \$938.
22 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
23 gallons per year shall also have the right to sell and distribute his
24 products to retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, except
25 that the holder of this license shall not use a common carrier for
26 such distribution. The fee for this additional privilege shall be
27 graduated as follows: a licensee who manufactures more than
28 150,000 gallons, but not in excess of 250,000 gallons per annum,
29 \$1,000; a licensee who manufactures more than 100,000 gallons,
30 but not in excess of 150,000 gallons per annum, \$500; a licensee
31 who manufactures more than 50,000 gallons, but not in excess of
32 100,000 gallons per annum, \$250; a licensee who manufactures
33 50,000 gallons or less per annum, \$100. A holder of this license
34 who produces not more than 250,000 gallons per year shall have the
35 right to sell such wine at retail in original packages in 15
36 salesrooms apart from the winery premises for consumption on or
37 off the premises and for sampling purposes for consumption on the
38 premises, at a fee of \$250 for each salesroom. Licensees shall not
39 jointly control and operate salesrooms. Additionally, the holder of
40 this license who produces not more than 250,000 gallons per year
41 may ship not more than 12 cases of wine per year, subject to
42 regulation, to any person within or without this State over 21 years
43 of age for personal consumption and not for resale. A case of wine
44 shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. A copy of the original
45 invoice shall be available for inspection by persons authorized to
46 enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this State for a minimum
47 period of three years at the licensed premises of the winery. For the
48 purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling at a

1 nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container not
2 exceeding one and one-half ounces of any wine.

3 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
4 gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
5 either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
6 more than 250,000 gallons per year. In addition, a holder of this
7 license who produces more than 250,000 gallons per year shall not
8 own, either in whole or in part, or hold, either directly or indirectly,
9 any interest in a winery that produces not more than 250,000
10 gallons per year. For the purposes of this subsection, "product"
11 means any wine that is produced, blended, fortified, or treated by
12 the licensee on its licensed premises situated in the State of New
13 Jersey. For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include
14 "hard cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

15 Farm winery license. 2b. The holder of this license shall be
16 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture any
17 fermented wines and fruit juices in a quantity to be expressed in
18 said license, dependent upon the following fees and not in excess of
19 50,000 gallons per year and to sell and distribute his products to
20 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter
21 and to churches for religious purposes and to sell and distribute
22 without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places
23 of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse and to
24 sell at retail to consumers for consumption on or off the licensed
25 premises and to offer samples for sampling purposes only. The
26 license shall be issued only when the winery at which such
27 fermented wines and fruit juices are manufactured is located and
28 constructed upon a tract of land exclusively under the control of the
29 licensee, provided that the licensee is actively engaged in growing
30 and cultivating an area of not less than three acres on or adjacent to
31 the winery premises and on which are growing grape vines or fruit
32 to be processed into wine or fruit juice; and provided, further, that
33 for the first five years of the operation of the winery such fermented
34 wines and fruit juices shall be manufactured from at least 51
35 percent grapes or fruit grown in the State and that thereafter they
36 shall be manufactured from grapes or fruit grown in this State at
37 least to the extent required for labeling as "New Jersey Wine" under
38 the applicable federal laws and regulations. The containers of all
39 wine sold to consumers by such licensee shall have affixed a label
40 stating such information as shall be required by the rules and
41 regulations of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage
42 Control. The fee for this license shall be graduated as follows: to so
43 manufacture between 30,000 and 50,000 gallons per annum, \$375;
44 to so manufacture between 2,500 and 30,000 gallons per annum,
45 \$250; to so manufacture between 1,000 and 2,500 gallons per
46 annum, \$125; to so manufacture less than 1,000 gallons per annum,
47 \$63. No farm winery license shall be held by the holder of a plenary

1 winery license [or be situated on a premises licensed as a plenary
2 winery].

3 The holder of this license shall also have the right to sell and
4 distribute his products to retailers licensed in accordance with this
5 chapter, except that the holder of this license shall not use a
6 common carrier for such distribution. The fee for this additional
7 privilege shall be \$100. The holder of this license shall have the
8 right to sell his products in original packages at retail to consumers
9 in 15 salesrooms apart from the winery premises for consumption
10 on or off the premises, and for sampling purposes for consumption
11 on the premises, at a fee of \$250 for each salesroom. Licensees
12 shall not jointly control and operate salesrooms. Additionally, the
13 holder of this license may ship not more than 12 cases of wine per
14 year, subject to regulation, to any person within or without this
15 State over 21 years of age for personal consumption and not for
16 resale. A case of wine shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. A
17 copy of the original invoice shall be available for inspection by
18 persons authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this
19 State for a minimum period of three years at the licensed premises
20 of the winery. For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling"
21 means the selling at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of
22 an open container not exceeding one and one-half ounces of any
23 wine.

24 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
25 gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
26 either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
27 more than 250,000 gallons per year.

28 An applicant for a farm winery license may apply to the director
29 to enter into an agreement with a host New Jersey winery to use the
30 host's equipment and space in an alternating proprietorship for
31 production of wine in a manner consistent with regulations
32 promulgated by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.
33 The director may grant a farm winery license to the applicant for
34 use in an alternating proprietor winery even when the applicant's
35 grapes or other fruit used in production are not grown on property
36 adjacent to the winery premises and the applicant does not have
37 exclusive control over the entire winery premises.

38 Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of this subsection,
39 with respect to farm winery licenses, "manufacture" means the
40 vinification, aging, storage, blending, clarification, stabilization and
41 bottling of wine or juice from New Jersey fruit to the extent
42 required by this subsection.

43 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
44 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

45 Wine blending license. 2c. The holder of this license shall
46 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to blend, treat, mix, and
47 bottle fermented wines and fruit juices with non-alcoholic
48 beverages, and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and

1 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and
2 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of
3 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a
4 warehouse. The fee for this license shall be \$625.

5 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
6 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

7 Instructional winemaking facility license. 2d. The
8 holder of this license shall be entitled, subject to rules and
9 regulations, to instruct persons in and provide them with the
10 opportunity to participate directly in the process of winemaking and
11 to directly assist such persons in the process of winemaking while
12 in the process of instruction on the premises of the facility. The
13 holder of this license also shall be entitled to manufacture wine on
14 the premises not in excess of an amount of 10 percent of the wine
15 produced annually on the premises of the facility, which shall be
16 used only to replace quantities lost or discarded during the
17 winemaking process, to maintain a warehouse, and to offer samples
18 produced by persons who have received instruction in winemaking
19 on the premises by the licensee for sampling purposes only on the
20 licensed premises for the purpose of promoting winemaking for
21 personal or household use or consumption. Wine produced on the
22 premises of an instructional winemaking facility shall be used,
23 consumed or disposed of on the facility's premises or distributed
24 from the facility's premises to a person who has participated
25 directly in the process of winemaking for the person's personal or
26 household use or consumption. The holder of this license may sell
27 mercantile items traditionally associated with winemaking and
28 novelty wearing apparel identified with the name of the
29 establishment licensed under the provisions of this section. The
30 holder of this license may use the licensed premises for an event or
31 affair, including an event or affair at which a plenary retail
32 consumption licensee serves alcoholic beverages in compliance
33 with all applicable statutes and regulations promulgated by the
34 director. The fee for this license shall be \$1,000. For the purposes
35 of this subsection, "sampling" means the gratuitous offering of an
36 open container not exceeding one and one-half ounces of any wine.

37 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
38 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

39 Out-of-State winery license. 2e. Provided that the applicant
40 does not produce more than 250,000 gallons of wine per year, the
41 holder of a valid winery license issued in any other state may make
42 application to the director for this license. The holder of this license
43 shall have the right to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers
44 licensed in accordance with this chapter and to sell such wine at
45 retail in original packages in 16 salesrooms apart from the winery
46 premises for consumption on or off the premises at a fee of \$250 for
47 each salesroom. Licensees shall not jointly control and operate
48 salesrooms. The annual fee for this license shall be \$938. A copy

1 of a current license issued by another state shall accompany the
2 application. The holder of this license also shall have the right to
3 sell and distribute his products to retailers licensed in accordance
4 with this chapter, except that the holder of this license shall not use
5 a common carrier for such distribution. The fee for this additional
6 privilege shall be graduated as follows: a licensee who
7 manufactures more than 150,000 gallons, but not in excess of
8 250,000 gallons per annum, \$1,000; a licensee who manufactures
9 more than 100,000 gallons, but not in excess of 150,000 gallons per
10 annum, \$500; a licensee who manufactures more than 50,000
11 gallons, but not in excess of 100,000 gallons per annum, \$250; a
12 licensee who manufactures 50,000 gallons or less per annum, \$100.
13 Additionally, the holder of this license may ship not more than 12
14 cases of wine per year, subject to regulation, to any person within or
15 without this State over 21 years of age for personal consumption
16 and not for resale. A case of wine shall not exceed a maximum of
17 nine liters. A copy of the original invoice shall be available for
18 inspection by persons authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage
19 laws of this State for a minimum period of three years at the
20 licensed premises of the winery.

21 The licensee shall collect from the customer the tax due on the
22 sale pursuant to the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30
23 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.) and shall pay the tax due on the delivery of
24 alcoholic beverages pursuant to the "Alcoholic beverage tax law,"
25 R.S.54:41-1 et seq. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the
26 Department of the Treasury shall promulgate such rules and
27 regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph,
28 and may provide by regulation for the co-administration of the tax
29 due on the delivery of alcoholic beverages pursuant to the
30 "Alcoholic beverage tax law," R.S.54:41-1 et seq. with the
31 administration of the tax due on the sale pursuant to the "Sales and
32 Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.).

33 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
34 gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
35 either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
36 more than 250,000 gallons per year.

37 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard
38 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

39 Cidery and meadery license. 2f. The holder of this license shall
40 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture hard
41 cider and mead and to sell and distribute these products to
42 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter,
43 and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons pursuant
44 to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and to
45 maintain a warehouse. The holder of this license shall be entitled to
46 sell these products at retail to consumers on the licensed premises
47 for consumption on or off the premises and to offer samples for
48 sampling purposes only. The holder of this license shall be

1 permitted to offer for sale or make the gratuitous offering of
2 packaged crackers, chips, nuts, and similar snacks to consumers, but
3 shall not operate a restaurant on the licensed premises. The fee for
4 this license shall be \$938.

5 The holder of this license shall be entitled to manufacture hard
6 cider in a quantity not to exceed 50,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
7 capacity per year. With respect to the sale and distribution of hard
8 cider to a wholesaler, the licensee shall be subject to the same
9 statutory and regulatory requirements as a brewer, and hard cider
10 shall be considered a malt alcoholic beverage, for the purposes of
11 the "Malt Alcoholic Beverage Practices Act," P.L.2005, c.243
12 (C.33:1-93.12 et seq.). The holder of this license shall not directly
13 ship hard cider either within or without this State.

14 The holder of this license shall be entitled to manufacture not
15 more than 250,000 gallons of mead per year. The holder of this
16 license may ship not more than 12 cases of mead per year, subject
17 to regulation, to any person within or without this State over 21
18 years of age for personal consumption and not for resale. A case of
19 mead shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. A copy of the
20 original invoice shall be available for inspection by persons
21 authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this State for a
22 minimum period of three years at the licensed premises. As used in
23 this subsection:

24 "Hard cider" means a fermented alcoholic beverage derived
25 primarily from apples, pears, apple juice concentrate and water, or
26 pear juice concentrate and water, which may include spices, herbs,
27 honey, or other flavoring, and which contains at least one half of
28 one percent but less than eight and one half percent alcohol by
29 volume.

30 "Mead" means an alcoholic beverage primarily made from
31 honey, water, and yeast, and which may contain fruit, fruit juices,
32 spices, or herbs added before or after fermentation has completed,
33 except that the ratio of fermentable sugars from fruit or fruit juices
34 shall not exceed 49 percent of the total fermentable sugars used to
35 produce mead.

36 "Sampling" means the selling at a nominal charge or the
37 gratuitous offering of an open container not exceeding four ounces
38 of hard cider or mead produced on the licensed premises.

39 Plenary distillery license. 3a. The holder of this license shall be
40 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture any
41 distilled alcoholic beverages and rectify, blend, treat and mix, and
42 to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and retailers
43 licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and distribute
44 without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places
45 of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse. The fee
46 for this license shall be \$12,500.

47 Limited distillery license. 3b. The holder of this license shall be
48 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture and bottle

1 any alcoholic beverages distilled from fruit juices and rectify,
2 blend, treat, mix, compound with wine and add necessary
3 sweetening and flavor to make cordial or liqueur, and to sell and
4 distribute to wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with
5 this chapter, and to sell and distribute without this State to any
6 persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale and
7 distribution and to warehouse these products. The fee for this
8 license shall be \$3,750.

9 Supplementary limited distillery license. 3c. The holder of this
10 license shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to bottle
11 and rebottle, in a quantity to be expressed in said license, dependent
12 upon the following fees, alcoholic beverages distilled from fruit
13 juices by such holder pursuant to a prior plenary or limited distillery
14 license, and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and
15 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and
16 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of
17 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a
18 warehouse. The fee for this license shall be graduated as follows:
19 to so bottle and rebottle not more than 5,000 wine gallons per
20 annum, \$313; to so bottle and rebottle not more than 10,000 wine
21 gallons per annum, \$625; to so bottle and rebottle without limit as
22 to amount, \$1,250.

23 Craft distillery license. 3d. The holder of this license shall be
24 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture not more
25 than 20,000 gallons of distilled alcoholic beverages, to rectify,
26 blend, treat and mix distilled alcoholic beverages, to sell and
27 distribute this product to wholesalers and retailers licensed in
28 accordance with this chapter, and to sell and distribute without this
29 State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale
30 and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse. The holder of this
31 license shall be entitled to sell this product at retail to consumers on
32 the licensed premises of the distillery for consumption on the
33 premises, but only in connection with a tour of the distillery, and
34 for consumption off the premises in a quantity of not more than five
35 liters per person. In addition, the holder of this license may offer
36 any person not more than three samples per calendar day for
37 sampling purposes only. For the purposes of this subsection,
38 "sampling" means the gratuitous offering of an open container not
39 exceeding one-half ounce serving of distilled alcoholic beverage
40 produced on the distillery premises. Nothing in this subsection shall
41 be deemed to permit the direct shipment of distilled spirits either
42 within or without this State.

43 The holder of this license shall not sell food or operate a
44 restaurant on the licensed premises. A holder of this license who
45 certifies that not less than 51 percent of the raw materials used in
46 the production of distilled alcoholic beverages under this section are
47 grown in this State or purchased from providers located in this State
48 may, consistent with all applicable federal laws and regulations,

1 label these distilled alcoholic beverages as "New Jersey Distilled."
2 The fee for this license shall be \$938.

3 Rectifier and blender license. 4. The holder of this license shall
4 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to rectify, blend, treat
5 and mix distilled alcoholic beverages, and to fortify, blend, and
6 treat fermented alcoholic beverages, and prepare mixtures of
7 alcoholic beverages, and to sell and distribute his products to
8 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter,
9 and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons pursuant
10 to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and to
11 maintain a warehouse. The fee for this license shall be \$7,500.

12 Bonded warehouse bottling license. 5. The holder of this license
13 shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to bottle alcoholic
14 beverages in bond on behalf of all persons authorized by federal and
15 State law and regulations to withdraw alcoholic beverages from
16 bond. The fee for this license shall be \$625. This license shall be
17 issued only to persons holding permits to operate Internal Revenue
18 bonded warehouses pursuant to the laws of the United States.

19 The provisions of section 21 of P.L.2003, c.117 amendatory of
20 this section shall apply to licenses issued or transferred on or after
21 July 1, 2003, and to license renewals commencing on or after July
22 1, 2003.

23 (cf: P.L.2017, c.80, s.1)
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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill facilitates the creation of New Jersey wineries by
31 allowing small growers to share manufacturing responsibilities and
32 costs. Under current law, a farm winery is only eligible for a
33 license if all aspects of the manufacturing process occur at the same
34 location where grapes are grown. Wine manufacturing processes
35 are: vinification, aging, storage, blending, clarification,
36 stabilization, and bottling.

37 Under the bill, a person who is growing grapes on at least three
38 acres would be eligible to enter into an alternating proprietorship
39 with another individual or entity also involved in the growing and
40 cultivating of grapes on at least three acres.

41 Under the bill's provisions, an applicant for a farm winery
42 license may apply to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic
43 Beverage Control to enter into an agreement with a host New Jersey
44 winery to use the host's equipment and space in an alternating
45 proprietorship for production of wine in a manner consistent with
46 regulations promulgated by the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax
47 and Trade Bureau. If the applicant meets all other requirements for
48 licensure, the director may grant a farm winery license to the

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- 1 applicant for use in an alternating proprietor winery even when the
- 2 applicant's grapes or other fruit used in production are not grown
- 3 on property adjacent to the winery premises and the applicant does
- 4 not have exclusive control over the entire winery premises.